

confidential treatment of fiduciary income, expense, and loss data in Schedule FS and data in Schedule HC.

The proposed TFR changes that would take effect as of June 30, 2009, would eliminate two existing items, revise two existing items, add 77 new items, add six new reporting codes in Schedule CMR, and add four new questions to Schedule SI on whether a thrift is a trustee or custodian for certain types of accounts or provides certain services in connection with orders for securities transactions regardless of whether the thrift exercises trust powers.

The proposed TFR revisions that would take effect December 31, 2009, would eliminate the entire Schedule CSS from the TFR, would add 75 new line items for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis in a new Schedule FV—Consolidated Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis for thrifts with total assets greater than \$10 billion, and would revise Schedule FS—Fiduciary and Related Services by revising 14 existing line items and adding 68 new line items.

OTS estimates that the implementation of these reporting revisions will result in an increase in the current reporting burden imposed by the TFR on all savings associations.

As part of the approval process, we invite comments addressing one or more of the following points:

- a. Whether the proposed revisions to the TFR collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- b. The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;
- c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, the Internet, or other forms of information technology; and
- e. Estimates of capital or start up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

OTS will summarize the comments received and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

*Clearance Officer:* Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

*OMB Reviewer:* Desk Officer for OTS, FAX: (202) 395-6974, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725—17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 24, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Savings and Loan Holding Company Registration Statement—H-(b)10

**AGENCY:** Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on its proposal to extend this information collection.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before December 1, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-6518; or send an e-mail to [infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov](mailto:infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov). OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at <http://www.ots.treas.gov>. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to [public.info@ots.treas.gov](mailto:public.info@ots.treas.gov), or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You can request additional information about this proposed information

collection from Lane Langford (202) 906-7027, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Comments should address one or more of the following points:

- a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;
- b. The accuracy of OTS's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;
- c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- d. Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

*Title of Proposal:* Savings and Loan Holding Company Registration Statement—H(b)10.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0020.

*Form Numbers:* H-(b)10.

*Regulation requirement:* 12 CFR Part 584.

*Description:* The Statement is used to collect information concerning the acquisition, as well as any changes to intercompany relationships of the savings and loan holding company and its subsidiaries since submission of the holding company acquisition application.

OTS reviews the Statement for adequacy of answers to items and completeness in all material respects. In particular, OTS reviews each Statement to determine whether there has been adequate disclosure of pertinent facts. The Statement provides factual information concerning the date of consummation of transactions and the number of shares acquired whereas estimates of such information are provided in the application. In addition, a requirement is contained in the Statement concerning changes to information filed during the application process.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 65.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 65.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* Other; Once, on becoming an S & L holding company.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 520 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

Dated: September 25, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Reasonable Charges for Inpatient DRG and SNF Medical Services; 2009; Fiscal Year Update

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 17.101 of Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations sets forth the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical regulations concerning "reasonable charges" for medical care or services provided or furnished by VA to a veteran:

- For a nonservice-connected disability for which the veteran is entitled to care (or the payment of expenses of care) under a health plan contract;
- For a nonservice-connected disability incurred incident to the veteran's employment and covered under a worker's compensation law or plan that provides reimbursement or indemnification for such care and services; or
- For a nonservice-connected disability incurred as a result of a motor vehicle accident in a State that requires automobile accident reparations insurance.

The regulations include methodologies for establishing billed amounts for the following types of charges: Acute inpatient facility charges; skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility (SNF) charges; partial hospitalization facility charges; outpatient facility charges; physician and other professional charges, including professional charges for anesthesia services and dental services; pathology and laboratory charges; observation care facility charges; ambulance and other emergency

transportation charges; and charges for durable medical equipment, drugs, injectables, and other medical services, items, and supplies identified by Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II codes. The regulations also provide that data for calculating actual charge amounts at individual VA facilities based on these methodologies will either be published in a notice in the **Federal Register** or will be posted on the Internet site of the Veterans Health Administration Chief Business Office, currently at <http://www1.va.gov/CBO/apps/rates/index.asp>, under "Charge Data." Certain of these charges are hereby updated as described in the Supplementary Information section of this notice. These changes are effective October 1, 2008.

When charges for medical care or services provided or furnished at VA expense by either VA or non-VA providers have not been established under other provisions of the regulations, the method for determining VA's charges is set forth at 38 CFR 17.101(a)(8).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Romona Greene, Chief Business Office (168), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 254-0361. (This is not a toll free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Of the charge types listed in the Summary section of this notice, only the acute inpatient facility charges and skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges are being changed. Charges for the following charge types: partial hospitalization facility charges; outpatient facility charges; physician and other professional charges, including professional charges for anesthesia services and dental services; pathology and laboratory charges; observation care facility charges; ambulance and other emergency transportation charges; and charges for durable medical equipment, drugs, injectables, and other medical services, items, and supplies identified by HCPCS Level II codes are not being changed. These Outpatient facility charges and Professional charges remain the same as set forth in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 26, 2007 (72 FR 246).

Based on the methodologies set forth in 38 CFR 17.101(b), this document provides an update to acute inpatient charges that were based on 2008 diagnosis related group (DRG). Acute inpatient facility charges by DRG are set forth in Table A in the September 28, 2007, **Federal Register** notice (72 FR

188). Table A in this notice provides updated charges based on 2009 DRGs and will replace Table A in the September 28, 2007, notice.

Also, this document provides for an updated all-inclusive per diem charge for skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charge using the methodologies set forth in 38 CFR 17.101(c) and it is adjusted by a geographic area factor based on the location where the care is provided. The skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility per diem charge is set forth in Table B in the September 28, 2007, **Federal Register** notice. Table B in this notice provides the updated all-inclusive nationwide skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility per diem charge and will replace Table B in the September 28, 2007, notice.

The charges in this update for acute inpatient facility and skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility services are effective October 1, 2008.

In this update, we are retaining the table designations used for acute inpatient facility charges by DRGs in the notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2007. We also are retaining the table designation used for skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges in the notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2007. Accordingly, the tables identified as being updated by this notice correspond to the applicable tables published in the September 28, 2007, notice, beginning with Table A through Table B.

We have updated the list of data sources presented in Supplementary Table 1 to reflect the updated data sources used to establish the updated charges described in this notice.

We have also updated the list of VA medical facility locations. As a reminder, in Supplementary Table 3 posted on the internet site of the Veterans Health Administration Chief Business Office, currently at <http://www1.va.gov/CBO/apps/rates/index.asp>, we set forth the list of VA medical facility locations, which includes the first three-digits of their ZIP Codes and provider-based/non-provider-based designations.

Consistent with VA's regulations, the updated data tables and supplementary tables containing the changes described in this notice will be posted on the Internet site of the Veterans Health Administration Chief Business Office, currently at <http://www1.va.gov/CBO/apps/rates/index.asp>, under "Charge Data."